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SUBJECT: "CANARIES INTELLIGENCE SERVICE" CLAIMS
RESPONSIBILITY FOR STABBING OF CANARIES INDEPENDENCE LEADER

REF: ALGIERS 1115 (NOTAL)

1. MADRID PRESS ACCOUNTS OVER THE WEEKEND CARRIED
LITTLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ATTACK ON MPAIAC
LEADER ANTONIO CUBILLO IN ALGIERS, AS BOTH FAMILY
MEMBERS AND MPAIAC OFFICIALS CONTACTED WERE WARY AND
CLOSE-MOUTHED IN RESPONDING TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS.
HIS CONDITION WAS DESCRIBED AS GRAVE, BUT HOPE WAS HELD
OUT FOR HIS RECOVERY.

2. A PHONE CALL TO THE MADRID HOJA DEL LUNES LATE
APRIL 9 CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY ON BEHALF OF THE
(PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN) "CANARIES INTELLIGENCE SERVICE",
DESCRIBED AS HAVING BEEN FORMED THREE MONTHS AGO "TO
STRUGGLE AGAINST MARXISM AND AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE
TRYING TO ATTACK THE SPANISH UNITY OF THE CANARY
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ISLANDS". THE CALLER ALSO CLAIMED AS MEMBERS OF THAT
ORGANIZATION TWO PEOPLE (ONE OF THEM A WOMAN LAWYER
IN THE CANARIES, THE OTHER A FORMER LEGIONNAIRE AND
MEMBER OF THE ULTRA-RIGHT "WARRIORS OF CHRIST THE KING")
REPORTEDLY KILLED BY MPAIAC IN ALGIERS APRIL 8 IN
REVENGE FOR THE ATTACK ON CUBILLO.

3. HOJA DEL LUNES ALSO REPORTED AN MPAIAC COMMUNIQUE ON THAT DOUBLE KILLING, ACCORDING TO WHICH THE TWO WERE PART OF A GROUP OF FIVE WHICH HAD ARRIVED IN ALGIERS 45 DAYS BEFORE, WITH FRENCH DOCUMENTATION. IT WAS NOT KNOWN IF ANY OF THE OTHER THREE WERE AMONG THE TWO PEOPLE REPORTEDLY PICKED UP BY ALGERIAN POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CUBILLO ASSAULT.

4. MFA UNDERSECRETARY SOLANO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR HE FOUND IT CURIOUS CUBILLO HAD BEEN ATTACKED ON WEDNESDAY BUT NO NEWS OF IT EMERGED UNTIL FRIDAY. THE SPANISH CHARGE IN ALGIERS WAS BEING GIVEN THE RUNAROUND BY THE ALGERIANS, SOLANO WENT ON, AND THE MFA HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND OUT EVEN IF CUBILLO WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED OR NOT. SINCE CUBILLO IS A SPANISH CITIZEN, THE GOS WAS DEMANDING A FULL INVESTIGATION, AND THEY WERE REALLY VERY IRRITATED AND UPSET, SAID SOLANO: THEY STILL DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE SITUATION WAS, AND THE GOA WAS BEING TOTALLY UNCOMMUNICATIVE. (SOLANO ALSO SAID ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES HAD PICKED UP PSOE REPRESENTATIVE IN ALGIERS BALLESTEROS AND HELD HIM FOR NINE HOURS OVERNIGHT, PROVOKING A CALL FROM THE PSOE TO THE MINISTRY HERE. SOLANO APPEARED TO TAKE SOME WRY COMFORT FROM THE LESSON THIS MIGHT GIVE THE NORMALLY PRO-ALGERIA PSOE ABOUT DEALING WITH THE GOA.)

5. ANOTHER MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD US WITH EVIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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IRRITATION THE GOA APPEARED TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN MUDDYING THE WATERS THAN IN PROVIDING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT, AND HE ALSO REFERRED TO "STRANGE INSINUATIONS" (I.E. OF SPANISH COMPLICITY) MADE IN AN ARTICLE IN EL MOUDJAHID. SPANISH SECURITY OFFICIALS TOLD US THEY HAD NO HARD INFORMATION ON THE MATTER. STABLER

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